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RESPONSE

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office action mailed on May 24, 2005, where a three month shortened statutory period was set for response, extendible up to six months from the mailing date of the Office Action. It is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136 that the time permitted for response be extended by zero (0) months, so that such period will now expire on August 24, 2005. The necessary fee is paid by the enclosed Fee Transmittal (form PTO/SB/17). If it is determined, however, that any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Reply, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

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